

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 3, 5, 11 and 12 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 13 are amended. Claim 6 is rewritten in independent form. Claim 15 is added to recite a method that includes the features that correspond to those recited in apparatus claim 6.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the certified copy of the priority document filed April 19, 2004.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the references listed on, and to return an initialed copy of, the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the January 31, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 6-8, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent 6,726,333 to Huibers; rejects claims 1, 2, 6-10, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0227577 to Allen et al.; and rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Allen. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended, as outlined above, to recite that the illumination device includes a plurality of light-emitting devices having different luminescent colors, and the light-emitting devices being capable of adjusting an emission spectra of the primary color light components. The applied references do not disclose or suggest these features.

In particular, Huibers discloses changing the spectra of transmitted lights. See Fig. 2. Also, Allen discloses changing the spectrum of transmitted lights. See Fig. 17. Huibers and Allen do not disclose or suggest adjusting the spectrum of emitted lights. Thus, Huibers and Allen do not disclose or suggest adjusting an emission spectra, as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claim 13.

Claim 6 is amended, as discussed above, to recite an illumination device that includes a plurality of light modulation devices and a plurality of band controlling devices, each band controlling device corresponding to a respective light modulation devices. Huibers and Allen do not disclose or suggest these features.

In particular, Huibers and Allen only disclose one light valve with one or more color wheels or a plurality of light sources and a plurality of light modulation devices. See Fig. 2 of Huibers, and Figs. 4 and 17 of Allen. Huibers and Allen do not disclose or suggest a plurality of light modulation devices in association with one illumination device that is capable of adjusting an emission spectra of primary color light components. Thus, Huibers and Allen do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 6.

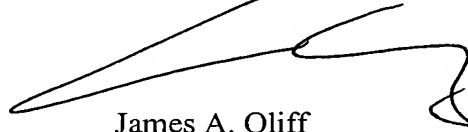
For at least the above reasons, Huibers and Allen, either individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1, 6 and 13, and claims 2, 4 and 7-9 depending therefrom. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claim 15 recites a method that corresponds to the apparatus recited in claim 6. Claim 15 is patentable in view of the patentability of claim 6.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-15 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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